

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. QA-497

Magi No.

DOE yes no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic ROUND TOP FARM - or - part of ROUGH and READY

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 833 McGuinness Road not for publication

city, town Chestertown vicinity of congressional district 1st.

state Maryland county Queen Annes

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u>  </u> district	<u>  </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u>  </u> agriculture
<u>  </u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u>  </u> unoccupied	<u>  </u> commercial
<u>  </u> structure	<u>  </u> both	<u>  </u> work in progress	<u>  </u> educational
<u>X</u> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<u>X</u> private residence
<u>  </u> object	<u>  </u> in process	<u>X</u> yes: restricted	<u>  </u> entertainment
	<u>  </u> being considered	<u>  </u> yes: unrestricted	<u>  </u> government
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>  </u> no	<u>  </u> industrial
			<u>  </u> military
			<u>  </u> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Chino Farms, Inc.

street & number 841 McGuinness Road telephone no.: 410-778-2125

city, town Chestertown, MD state and zip code 21620

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Annes County liber CWC 100

street & number folio 527

city, town Centerville state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date    federal    state    county    local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Round Top farmhouse, 833 McGuinness Road is a large scale one-and-one-half story frame house built on the foundation of an earlier house which burned around 1959 or 1960. The house that stood there previously was a large second empire style dwelling and it too was built on earlier foundations. The interesting thing about this new dwelling is that it was built using the first floor system and the foundations of the previous house, apparently the only thing that remained of the old house after the fires.

The house faces south and has two three-part picture windows and a central door. The roof has large shed dormers on both sides. The walls are covered with asbestos siding. There is a one story garage addition off the north side, even with the east wall.

The basement is composed of four large rooms. The southwest room has a stone foundation about three feet above the brick floor, which then becomes brick to above grade. The overhead joists and sill are mostly hewn material; some are about 5" X 8", others are 3" X 8". Many of the members have holes in series, as though they were re-used members from an early barn that had built-in mangers.

The southeast room has the same combination of stone and brick walls, but toward the east and south, more brick. The east gable wall contains the remains of a former chimney base, although the structure itself has been removed above the floor. In one of the rooms is a six panel door with applied moldings typical of the 1840-60 period.

In the ceiling of the northeast room are more hewn sills and joists. The foundation has more brick than stone. Access to the garage is from this room.

The northwest room has the same combination of stone and brick walls as the southwest room, but all overhead joists are uniformly sawn and have girders and iron post supports. They appear to date to the late 19th century, when the second empire house was built. The partition between the northwest and northeast rooms also has stone and brick construction. It has a concrete floor. From the evidence in the foundation, it appears that part of the foundation is earlier than the second empire house which stood on the property prior to 1960.

The 1960 house above the old basement consists of a kitchen in the northeast corner with a dining room in the center of the east half of the house and a living room, with a fireplace in the southeast corner of the house. On the opposite side of the dwelling is a former office in the northwest corner which had its own exterior entrance, a bedroom in the southwest corner and a bath between. There is an open stair in the center of the house.

The second floor has four bedrooms with low ceilings and a bath over the front door.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Round Top farmhouse, 833 McGuinness Road is of interest from the memory of those living prior to 1959 as the site of a great second empire style building. In the Lake, Griffing, Stevenson Atlas of Kent and Queen Annes Counties, published in 1877, the property is listed in the ownership of F. Martin, who may have been the builder of the house which burned prior to 1960. In the deed to the property in 1941, the property is described as being parts of the Thomas Lots (at Catlin's Corner), Round Top, being part of the "Rough and Ready" and other small parcels. It totaled 544 acres. References in that deed cite Joseph J. Martin's acquisition of the land between 1868 and 1879. Deed references are included herewith.

The fact that there are remnants of the previous house and those foundations contain a combination of stone and handmade brick, the site is of interest and worth preserving for the information that it may yield if an archaeological dig were ever undertaken on the property. Certainly, that is the most important reason for saving the existing house, since it is helping to preserve the foundations of earlier structures.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 509 acs. 400

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

B 

Zone	Easting				Northing				

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland Historical Trust

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city or town Crownsville

state MD 21032

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DHCP/DHCD  
100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
514-7600

CHAIN OF TITLE

Deed References found in the Queen Annes County Courthouse:

Liber TSP 56, fol. 111.

8/8/1960

To: Henry Sears

From: Nettie Marie Jones & husband W. Alton Jones

509 acres called Markley Farm, composed of parts of Round Top and Rough and Ready.

Liber TSP 49, fol. 95

7/10/1959

To: Nettie & W. Alton Jones

From: Gaylark, Inc.

\$40,000 for Markley Farm, being parts of Round Top & Rough and Ready. The deed includes a bill of sale for farm machinery, etc.

Liber TSP 40, fol. 334

4/18/1958

To: Gaylark, Inc.

From: P.R. Markley, Inc.

509 acres of Round Top and Rough and Ready, plus bill of sale for farm machinery, etc.

Liber NBW 8, fol. 146

12/1/1950

To: P.R. Markley, Inc.

From: C. Roland & Bertha Price

544.49 acres of Round Top and Rough & Ready

Liber ASG, Jr. 4, fol. 318

5/1/1941

To: C. Roland & Bertha Price

From: Emily Klinefelter, widow

for \$16,000, Sterlingford Farm consisting of:

1. Thomas Lots - Ref. WFW 1/253
2. a. Round Top - 321 acres, being part of Rough & Ready and 182 acres additional of Rough & Ready - Ref. JW 10/103 (1879 to Joseph J. Martin).
- b. 5 acres - Ref. JW 2/73 (1868)
- c. 5 acres of Wright's Corner - Ref. SCD 4/262
3. 10 acres - Ref. SED 2/136 & JW 1/385 & LD 2/309
4. 8 acres - Ref. BHT 10/402 for \$16,000



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Foreman

Ewingville

Boyer Chapel

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